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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the below-listed documents are enclosed.

JP 7-021356 JP 8-138030 JP 10-173951 JP 9-193477 EP 0 605 892

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is currently not available, but will be forwarded to the USPTO as soon as it comes to hand.

English-language abstracts for all of the Japanese documents except JP 7-021356 are enclosed. In this regard, EP 0 605 892 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of JP 7-021356.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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